

Open House To Honor Former Heber Residents

The fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Abram and Rowena Ottinger Hatch will be celebrated with open house at their residence, 1062 South 13th East, Salt Lake City, Sunday, June 14, 1953 from 3:00 to 8:00 p. m.

No formal invitations will be issued, but all friends and relatives are cordially invited to be present.

They were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Ottinger on June 17, 1903. The ceremony was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple.

They met as students at the University of Utah.

Abram Hatch was born in Heber City, September 8th, 1879. His early schooling was in Heber City. His business adventures began at the early age of 10½ years when he owned and published a small 4-page weekly newspaper, The Heber Herald. He was the entire staff for three years, being the youngest editor in the United States. At the age of 17 he entered the University of Utah, matriculating in the engineering dept. His studies were terminated when fire destroyed the engineering building on the new campus of the U. of U. in 1902.



Mr. and Mrs. Abram Hatch

He spent one year at the U. S. A. C. at Logan studying dairying and creamery processing. He took charge of the Wasatch Creamery as plant manager and cheese and butter maker in the spring of 1898. He followed the drug business in Heber City and Salt Lake for 35 years. Since 1930 he has devoted his time to photography and graphic arts.

Mrs. Hatch's first school days began in the old 20th Ward school house which was replaced by the Lowell School. She graduated from the University of Utah in June 1900.

Before her marriage she was active in the various church organizations, especially the kindergarten class of the 20th Ward Sunday School. Mrs. Hatch has held several offices in the D. U. P. organization. At present she is president of the Neslen Family Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Hatch are both members of the Emeritus Club of the University of Utah.

Their children are: Mrs. Iven G. (Virginia) Alsop of Tooele, Utah; Mrs. H. Parley (Winona) Kilburn, Bakersfield, Calif; Lt. Col. Alden Ottinger Hatch, Richmond, Kentucky; Clyde Neslen Hatch and Boyd Ottinger Hatch, Salt Lake City. They also have 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



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One of Heber City's leading physicians, Dr. H. Ray Hatch, became the community's mayor in the election of 1915. Chosen to serve with Dr. Hatch on the city council were G. Frank Ryan, four-year councilman; E. J. Duke, Isaac Jacobs, George M. Jorgensen and Parley A. Murdock. Later, Mr. Jorgensen moved from the city and John A. Anderson was appointed in May of 1916 to fill the vacancy. J. E. McMullin was elected recorder and Alfred Sharp was treasurer.

John A. Fortie became mayor in 1918 after winning the election the previous fall. George Smith, Joseph A. Murdock, J. Fred Giles and Abe Turner comprised the city council, while Sylvan Rasband was treasurer and J. E. McMullin the recorder.

Taking office as mayor in 1920 was E. J. Duke. John H. Miller was four-year councilman with Moroni Moulton, George Smith, J. W. Mahoney and Andrew Murdock two-year councilmen. Douglas Giles was recorder and Emer Murdock, treasurer.

E. J. Duke again served as mayor during 1922 and 1923 with J. W. Giles, Heber G. Crook, L. D. Greenwood and J. Claud Hicken as members of the council. J. E. McMullin was recorder and Elmer Strong, treasurer.

In the election of 1923 J. E. McMullin won the mayorality race, fulfilling a long time dream. While still a young man he had developed a desire to some day lead the affairs of the city.

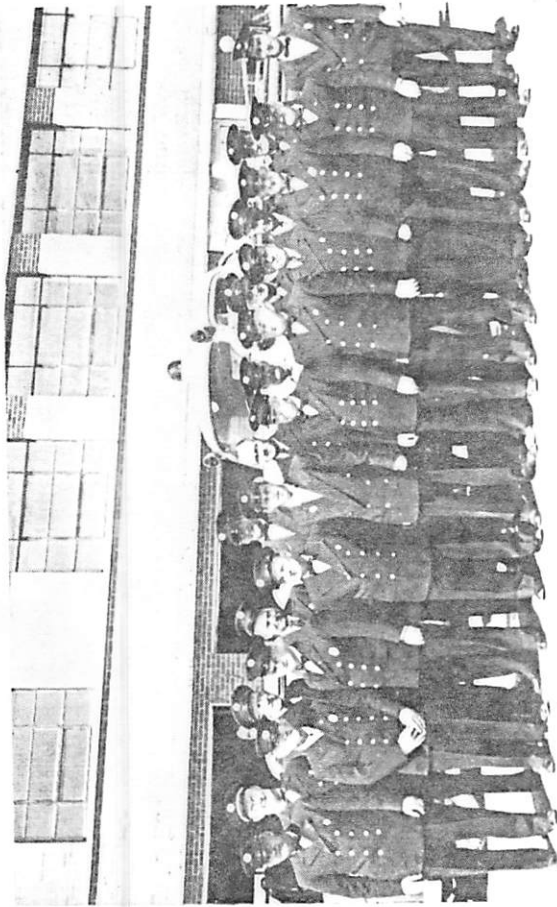
"When in my early teens," he wrote, "and attending Central School, I had a deep desire to become Mayor of Heber City someday. I was so impressed with the idea I even chose my councilmen."

When he actually became mayor in 1924, two of his councilmen were among those he had previously considered. They were Jesse R. Nelson and J. W. Giles. Other councilmen were John H. Miller, Albert Dickson and T. Henry Moulton. J. Sylvan Rasband was recorder and Elmer Strong, treasurer.

During his first term, Mayor McMullin spearheaded the drive to organize the Heber Volunteer Fire Department. The area's first motorized fire engine was purchased in 1924 and "initiated" at a fire on Sept. 17, 1925, when hay, grain and straw belonging to Thomas, Erwin and Don Rasband began to burn in a field on the Charleston Road. The fire started from a spark from a threshing machine.

On Sept. 21, 1925 the city council passed an ordinance creating the official fire department and providing for fire inspection. The council also hired John Barnes at \$15 a quarter to sound the fire siren each morning at 7 a.m. as a time regulator.

The first members of the fire department included Frank W. Hardy.



Members of the Heber Valley Fire Department in 1958 included the following: From left to right, Arvil McAfee, Frank Hardy, Arch Buys, Douglas Smith, Mont Giles, Ray Wright, William Turnbow, Harvey Bronson, Don Smith, Verl Wright, Earl Smith, Hylton Burch, Neff Thomas, Neil Montgomery, Roland Carlile, Lynn McKnight, Forrest Dayton, Richard Jones, Owen Buell and Glen Jensen.

William Horner, Abram Hatch Jr., William Murri, Rudolph McKnight, Francis Moulton, Earl Smith, Virgil Fraughton, A. D. Buys, Earl Clyde, Joseph Hylton and Mont Giles, all on a volunteer basis. Others who joined soon after the organization was formed were Lee Holdaway, Forrest Dayton, Owen Buell, Joseph Olpin, Ralph Giles, Lorenzo Wootton, Walter O'Toole and Carl Duke. Mr. Hardy was appointed chief with Mr. Horner assistant chief, Mr. Hatch, captain and Mr. Murri secretary.

Four hydrants were installed on main street and 1,000 feet of fire hose was purchased on two two-wheeled trailers. One trailer was kept at the Pikes Peak Garage and the other at Moulton Garage.

By 1926 the department had grown to 16 members and the group had joined the Utah State Firemen's Association.

The second fire truck, a 500 gallon Maack pumper was purchased in 1935 as a cooperative venture between Heber City, Midway, Charleston and the county commission. The department's name was changed to the Heber Valley Volunteer Fire Department, and began responding to fires anywhere in the valley.

Mr. Hardy served as chief for 13 years and was succeeded by Lee Holdaway in 1937. Earl H. Smith succeeded Mr. Holdaway, and then in 1946 Mr. Hardy again became chief and served until 1959 when Neff Thomas was appointed. Assistant chiefs have included William Horner, Forrest Dayton, A. D. Buys, Mont Giles and Arvil McAfee.

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HON. ABRAM C. HATCH of Heber City, who passed away March 24th, 1932, was a veteran business and professional man in the public life of Wasatch County and the state. His home had been in Utah all his life, for over three-quarters of a century, and he was one of the most active of the old-timers in the affairs of his district.

Mr. Hatch was born at Lehi, Utah County, December 14, 1856, son of Abram and Parmelia J. (Lott) Hatch. His father was one of the earliest pioneers of Lehi, and in the course of a long and active life was a merchant, farmer, rancher, and for many years bishop of the Church of the Latter Day Saints. He was the first president of the Wasatch Stake. He died December 3, 1911.

Abram C. Hatch as a boy attended public schools at Lehi and Heber. In 1876, at the age of twenty, he began ranching in Eastern Utah and Western Colorado, raising cattle and horses. In 1879 he established his home at Heber, where he continued in association with his father and brother in the ranch business until 1894. In the meantime there came to him the call of public service. In 1893 he was elected a member of the Legislature from the district comprising Wasatch, Emery and Grand counties. He served

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one term of two years. In the meantime he was devoting all his leisure time to the study of law and on February 23, 1895, was admitted to practice before the Utah Supreme Court. During the subsequent thirty-five years he handled a large volume of general law practice and has earned the reputation of a very able lawyer. In 1896 he received the Republican nomination for district judge, getting the nomination in convention by a vote of forty-five to eighteen. He was defeated by just 103 votes. However, the successful candidate resigned in June after his election and Judge Hatch was appointed to fill the unexpired term by the governor. In 1900 he was elected on the Republican ticket district attorney for Wasatch, Utah and Uinta counties, serving one term, and refused reelection. Judge Hatch organized the town of Heber, and served as its attorney for three years. He gave freely of his time and professional services in many ways for the benefit of his locality and district. He helped establish the Heber Light & Power Company. He had an official part in the Republican party organization and in 1929 was prominent in the Ogden Republican Convention. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Heber, the Utah State and American Bar Associations.

Judge Hatch married December 17, 1879, Miss Maria Luke of Heber, daughter of Henry and Harriett Luke, who were early settlers in Sanpete County. Mrs. Hatch passed away March 19, 1919. On April 12, 1920, Judge Hatch married Elizabeth Nelson of Heber. His four children were: Abram Chase, Jr., now deceased; Henry Ray, a prominent physician of Idaho Falls, where he established a well equipped hospital; Sumner, now a member of the board of county commissioners of Wasatch County; and Kate, wife of George C. Murdock, Jr., of Beaver, Utah.

came to Utah in 1850, and was married to Permelia Lott in Lehi in 1852. They built a cabin by Utah Lake and started a farm and small merchandise business in Lehi. He also hauled freight and brought companies of immigrants back to Utah, making 11 trips across the plains. In 1861 he was called on a mission to England, leaving his wife and youngsters at home. His wife managed the farm, store and also ran freight teams to the Missouri River to obtain the needed supplies. She sold provisions to Johnston's Army. When her husband's mission was completed she was able to send him \$10,000 in gold dust to tour Europe and return home. He used most of the money to purchase merchandise enroute home. He bought a threshing machine, the first to come to Utah, and also stocks for the store. Two years after his return he was called by President Brigham Young to move to Heber and serve as bishop of the ward. He later became the first stake president and served 33 years in that position. Active in civic affairs, he was probate judge six years and served in the territorial legislature 23 years, authoring many worthwhile pieces of legislation. He also established a fine merchandising business in Heber and was known as a farmer and banker. His first home in Heber was built on the corner of First North and Main. He later built a large sandstone home east of his mercantile business. His first wife died at the age of 48 and was buried according to her wishes, in Lehi, by the graves of two small sons. He married Ruth Woolley in 1882. She was then 25 years old, and bore him six children, four daughters and two sons. She was a lovely, talented young lady, with a fine singing voice, and was a great help to him as he grew older. He died in Heber on December 2, 1911, and was buried in Heber City Cemetery. It was his wish that he be buried in the county he had helped build and where he had lived so long.

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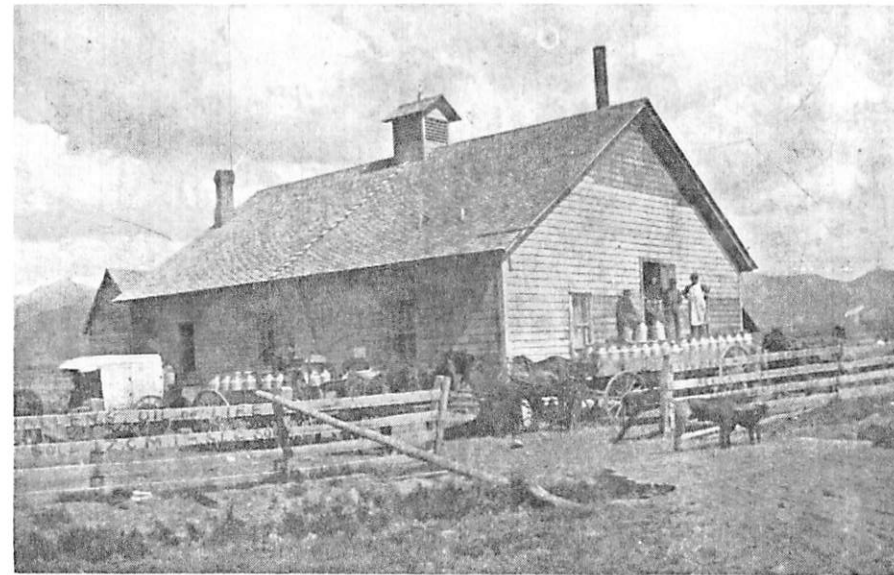
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Another, which operated for a number of years, was established in 1898 about a mile north of Heber at a place called "The Point." This location is near the present Vern Price farm.

Known as the Wasatch Creamery Company, the firm was begun in 1897 with Abram Hatch, Sr., as president, Ludvig Anderson, secretary-treasurer, Joseph Hatch, general manager and superintendent of construction and Abram Hatch, Jr., plant manager.

High quality cheeses, butter and other milk products came from the creamery for use in Heber and many parts of the state. There was always a demand in Salt Lake City for cheddar cheese from the Wasatch Creamery.

The creamery's operations declined about 1912 as it became cheaper to haul the milk from Heber to Salt Lake City for processing, and this new competition soon forced the Hatch creamery out of business.

One other creamery that operated in Heber City was the Mutual Creamery Company located at 62 West 2nd North. Many local residents were the stockholders and owners of this mutual company.

The dairy industry today is Heber's largest, but all the milk is hauled by tank trucks from the valley for processing elsewhere, and comes back to the valley properly pasteurized and neatly packaged in cartons or bottles. Milk products from Heber are well known in all the metropolitan areas of Utah.

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Helen Maud Neeley Hiatt, 69, died Oct. 9, 1981 in the Heber City Hospital.

Born Oct. 23, 1911 in Crescent, Salt Lake County, to Lewis Richard and Elizabeth Hughes Neeley. Married Bernell Rich Hiatt May 28, 1939. He died Feb. 10, 1962. Graduate Utah State University. Active member LDS Church, member DUP and Shakespear-ean Club. Taught school in Wasatch and South Summit School District.

Survived by children: Robert J. and Kathleen, both Heber City; Dale L., Provo; 4 grandchildren. Broth-

ers and sisters, Mrs. Dee Kotter, Ogden; Mrs. John (Irene) Thatcher, Logan; Lewis Neeley, Springville. Preceded in death by a son Gary.

Funeral services were held Tuesday. Burial, Heber City Cemetery.